

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 122C-115 (a3) empowers a county to choose its Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) subject to the approval of the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Stanly County representatives have had productive discussions and engagement with Partners Behavioral Health Management, an LME/MCO in good standing with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Partners operates in a manner that is very inclusive, innovative and engaging with local agencies, stakeholders and community partners; and

WHEREAS, Partners is committed to its purpose of "Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities" and Partners' values align well with those of Stanly County; and

WHEREAS, Partners' priorities and projects align well with Stanly County's responsibilities to residents with behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability needs; and

WHEREAS, Partners can ensure continuity of care for residents needing care during a transitional time and is fully committed to continuing to contract with all service providers in good standing; and

WHEREAS, Partners internal and external culture aligns with the expectations of Stanly County in meeting the needs of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Stanly County desires to ensure the highest quality of services available to meet the needs of county residents and ensure continuity of care.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stanly County Board of Commissioners as follows:

- 1. Stanly County seeks to disengage from Cardinal Innovations, Inc. and to join/align with Partners Behavioral Health Management.
- 2. The Board of Commissioners direct and empowers the County Manager and other staff to complete all necessary steps to affect the change, in accordance with guiding statute and rules in the most expeditious manner possible.

3. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to work with the County Attorney and staff to prepare any documentation and/or publication, including any letter of intent, plans or procedures.

Adopted this 9th day of November, 2020.

Matthew J Swain, Chairman

Stanly County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board